**Mr. B. Gopalachar.—**

Under the Group System, is it not possible to combine a few villages under one Panchayet?

**Second Member of Council.—**

We will consider the matter.

**Mr. Katte Dakappa.—**

Should not the grants to Panchayets bear some proportion to the collection they make?

**Second Member of Council.—**

That cannot be the sole principle. We will have to consider the importance of the works they must carry out.

**Mr. B. Linge Gowda.—**

From Appendix D it will be seen that grants have not been made to certain taluks. Does it mean that they have not got any grants at all?

**Revenue Commissioner.—**

Grants have been given. But the exact information is not readily available.

**Mr. B. Linge Gowda.—**

Why have grants not been given to some taluks?

**Second Member of Council.—**

We want notice.

MR. B. P. BASAPPA SETTY (Chickmagalur Taluk).—

*Q.*—32. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) The number of *Malnad* Improvement dispensaries (Districtwar) that exist in the *malnad* districts of Kadur, Hassan and Shimoga, and the names of places in which they are located ?

(*b*) The average number of patients per day in each dispensary ?

(*c*) How many of these dispensaries are located in Government buildings and how many in rented ones ?

(*d*) Are there wards attached to each dispensary and what is the number of beds available in each ?

(*e*) The number of patients treated in these dispensaries for hook-worm and malarial diseases after investigation of these diseases by Dr. Sweet ?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

*A*—32. (*a*), (*b*), (*c*), (*d*) and (*e*). A statement giving the particulars required is placed on the table. (*Vide* Appendix).

*Supplementary Questions and Answers.*

**Mr. B. P. Basappasetty.**—

What is the reason for not collecting the statistics for hook-worm ?

**Chief Secretary to Government.**—

Hook-worm has come in for serious consideration only very recently and separate statistics were not till now being collected.

**Mr. B. P. Basappasetty.**—

Have you sent circulars to Sub-Assistant Surgeons to collect such statistics hereafter ?

**Chief Secretary to Government.**—

Such statistics are being now collected.

**Mr. B. P. Basappasetty.**—

Have the Sub-Assistant Surgeons been trained for the treatment of hook-worm ?

**Chief Secretary to Government.**—

I think they know how to treat the disease.

**Mr B. P. Basappasetty.**—

Will instructions be issued that all Sub-Assistant Surgeons should pay special attention to this desease and cure the patients promptly ?

**Senior Surgeon.**—

The diagnosis of hook-worm disease necessarily requires microscopes. If these instruments have to be supplied to all the Sub-Assistant Surgeons, as many as 250

of them will be required. Hence, Dr. Sweet has suggested "mass treatment"; just as in malarial places, quinine is given to everybody, similar action is proposed to be taken in the case of hook-worm also.

**Mr. B. P. Basappasetty.—**

If you do not supply microscopes, how can the Sub-Assistant Surgeons find out the disease ?

**Third Member of Council.—**

Whether there is disease or not, treatment is given now. It is only about 2 or 3 months since orders were issued about mass treatment.

**Mr. B. P. Basappasetty.—**

What are the special places where mass treatment is being given ?

**Third Member of Council.—**

Mudgere, for instance.

**Mr. B. P. Basappasetty.—**

From the reply to the question about bedding, it is seen that even Government dispensaries have not been properly supplied with sufficient number of beds. What is the cause ? Is there no provision in the Budget ?

**Third Member of Council.—**

The information has been given in the reply.

**Mr. B. P. Basappa-etty.—**

In Aldur, for instance, there are no beds.

**Senior Surgeon.—**

If the Sub-Assistant Surgeon makes a reference, the necessary supply will be made.

**Mr. B. P. Basappasetty.—**

Do Government know that there is notsu fficient accommodation in the rented building at Aldur for the accommodation of patients ?

**Third Member of Council.—**

There are two beds there.

**Mr. B. P. Basappasetty.—**

I personally know that there are no beds there.

**Third Member of Council.—**

We will note that information.

**Mr. B. P. Basappasetty —**

Can you arrange to construct a building at Government cost ?

**Third Member of Council.—**

We will do it if the District Board comes forward with its own quota.

**Mr. B. P. Basappasetty.—**

Can it not be done purely from State funds ?

**Third Member of Council.—**

No. The usual procedure should be followed in this matter.

**Mr. B. P. Basappasetty.—**

In view of the fact that the number of sufferers from hook-worm is increasing from year to year, how many dispensaries will be constructed next year ?

**Third Member of Council.—**

Next year's budget is not yet ready, and I cannot answer that question now.

**Mr. Subbanna Naik.—**

Are the District Boards maintaining malnad improvement dispensaries ?

**Third Member of Council.—**

No; if Government buildings are to be given, the District Boards also must contribute.

**Mr. Subbanna Naik —**

Are not more hospitals necessary as the disease is increasing from year to year in the Kadur District ?

**Third Member of Council.—**

It is true that hospitals are needed in many more places.

**Mr. Subbanna Naik.—**

Are they not needed very urgently in Kadur and Shimoga Districts ?

**Third Member of Council.—**

That I cannot say.

**Mr. Subbanna Naik.—**

Is it not necessary to increase the existing number ?

**Third Member of Council.—**

Please refer to the Budget. We have made provision.

**Mr. Subbanna Naik.—**

Out of the malnad improvement grant, a large amount goes towards the travelling allowance of officers. Is that not so ?

**Third Member of Council.—**

Now that the malnad improvement grant is transferred to the District Boards, there will be no cost hereafter on travelling allowances.

**Mr. Subbanna Naik.—**

Why is it that population is decreasing in the malnad in spite of annual grants for Malnad improvement ?

**Third Member of Council.—**

We cannot say that the population is increasing or decreasing till after the next Census.

**Mr. Subbanna Naik.—**

Has not one Mr. Kulukodu Sanna Appaiya promised to provide quarters for the residence of the doctor if a dispensary is opened at Chawalmane in Koppa Taluk ?

**Third Member of Council.—**

Those are matters which had better be represented to the Senior Surgeon. So far as the current year is concerned, funds are not available for the purpose. If at all, the question can be considered next year.

**Mr. Subbanna Naik.—**

Does not the Senior Surgeon send up a report every year in regard to the depopulation of the malnad for want of proper facilities ?

**Third Member of Council.—**

That is only the general impression but that has to be corroborated by the Census.

**Mr. N. Siddalingappa Setty.—**

Are not figures relating to births and deaths forwarded by the village officers ?

**Second Member of Council.—**

Those may not be very reliable figures.

**Mr. N. Siddalingappa Setty.—**

Can you not know roughly at least ? What are the Government doing to stop the depopulation ?

**Second Member of Council.—**

We are doing all that is necessary by giving dispensaries and otherwise also

**Mr. E. Krishnappa.—**

In view of the statement of the Senior Surgeon that proper diagnosis of hook-worm is not possible without microscopes, is it not necessary to supply a microscope to every dispensary in the malnad ?

**Third Member of Council.—**

But it means one and a-half lakhs of rupees.

**Mr. E Krishnappa.—**

Can you equip all dispensaries with microscopes at least in the course of ten years ?

**Third Member of Council.—**

We will do whatever is possible.

**Mr. S. Venkatesaiya.—**

Is it not possible to give buildings in all necessary places, levying one-third the cost from the District Boards, one-third from the villagers, the other one-third being sanctioned by Government ?

**Second and Third Members of Council.—**

There are specific orders on that point.